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**Donald H. Steckroth**

Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1946  
Education: Seton Hall 1972 JD  
Began Service: February 2, 2001

**Legal Practice:** Gibbons, Del Dio, Dolan, Griffinger & Vecchione  
(1973-2001)

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**Morris Stern**

Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1941  
Education: Lafayette 1962 BS; Rutgers (Newark) 1965 LLB; NYU 1975 LLM  
Began Service: December 27, 2001  
Term Expires: December 26, 2015

**Academic:** Adjunct and Visiting Professor, Rutgers Law School (Newark)  
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**Legal Practice:** Stern, Dubrow & Marcus

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; Essex County Bar Association; New Jersey Bar Association

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**Martha Vázquez**  
Chief Judge

Date of Birth: 1953  
Education: Notre Dame 1975 BA, 1979 JD  
Began Service: 1993  
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton  
Political Affiliation: Democrat

**Government:** Public Defender, Public Defender Department, State of New Mexico (1979-1981)

**Legal Practice:** Jones, Snead, Wertheim, Rodriquez & Wentworth, PA  
(1981-1993)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; Law School Advisory Council, University of Notre Dame; New Mexico Women's Bar Association; State Bar of New Mexico; United States-Mexico Law Institute, Inc.

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**Bruce D. Black**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1947  
Education: Albion 1969 BA; Michigan 1971 JD  
Began Service: January 18, 1996  
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton  
Political Affiliation: Democrat

**Judicial:** Judge, New Mexico Court of Appeals (1991-1996)

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Modrall, Sperling, Roehl, Harris & Sisk  
(1972-1975); Associate then Partner, Campbell & Bingaman (and successor firms) (1975-1991)

**Current Memberships:** American Judicature Society; H. Vearle Payne American Inn of Court

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**M. Christina Armijo**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1951  
Education: New Mexico 1972 BA, 1975 JD  
Began Service: November 15, 2001  
Appointed By: President George W. Bush  
Political Affiliation: Republican

**Judicial:** Judge, New Mexico Court of Appeals (1996-2001)

**Legal Practice:** Staff Attorney, Sandoval County Legal Services  
(1976-1978); Solo Practitioner (1978-1996)

**Current Memberships:** Oliver Seth American Inns of Court; State Bar of New Mexico

**Staff**

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**William P. Johnson**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1959  
Education: Virginia Military Inst 1981 BA; Washington and Lee 1985 JD  
Began Service: December 28, 2001  
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

**Judicial:** Judge, New Mexico Fifth Judicial District Court (1995-2001)

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Bracewell & Paterson, LLP (1985-1986); Associate, Hinkle, Hensley, Shanor & Martin, LLP (1986-1989); Partner, Hinkle, Hensley, Shanor & Martin, LLP (1990-1995)

**Military Service:** United States Army Reserve (1981-1990)

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**James O. Browning**  
District Judge

Began Service: August 6, 2003  
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

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**Robert C. Brack**  
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**Judith C. Herrera**  
District Judge

Began Service: June 2004

**Academic:** Regent, Board of Regents, University of New Mexico

**Chambers of Senior Judge John E. Conway**

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**John E. Conway**  
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1934  
Education: Naval Acad 1956 BS; Washburn 1963 LLB  
Began Service: July 3, 1986  
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan  
Political Affiliation: Republican

**Government:** State Senator (R-NM), New Mexico State Senate  
(1971-1980); Minority Floor Leader, New Mexico State Senate  
(1972-1980); Chairman, Disciplinary Board of the New Mexico Supreme  
Court, State of New Mexico (1981-1985); Chairman, Governor's  
Organized Crime Prevention Commission, State of New Mexico  
(1985-1986)

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